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  - But once he brought his wife, Nell, on board to help him manage the tour, it exploded into a national ministry, with advance men, custodians, security, musicians, Bible teachers, etc.

- He became famous for his energetic, athletic preaching style, where he varied his pitch, volume, and speed; gestured with great enthusiasm; bounded around the stage; actually talked about sex; etc. so some people were drawn in like they'd *never* been before, while others saw Sunday as vulgar (because unlike a *real* pastor, he used slang) and crass (because he didn't shrink away from talking about sticky issues like drinking and sex)





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- He was so popular that secular newspapers were regularly reprinting his sermons in full—even to the point where he was given more space in the paper than their coverage of World War I
- Using his pulpit for more than just a salvation message, Sunday also preached against child labor, gender inequality, Kaiser Wilhelm, novels, theaters, dancing, card-playing, and liquor (arguing that “whiskey and beer are all right in their place, but their place is in hell”) (in fact, Sunday's preaching was arguably one of the most direct influences on the passage of the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment—he even preached for it to be reinstituted after it was repealed)



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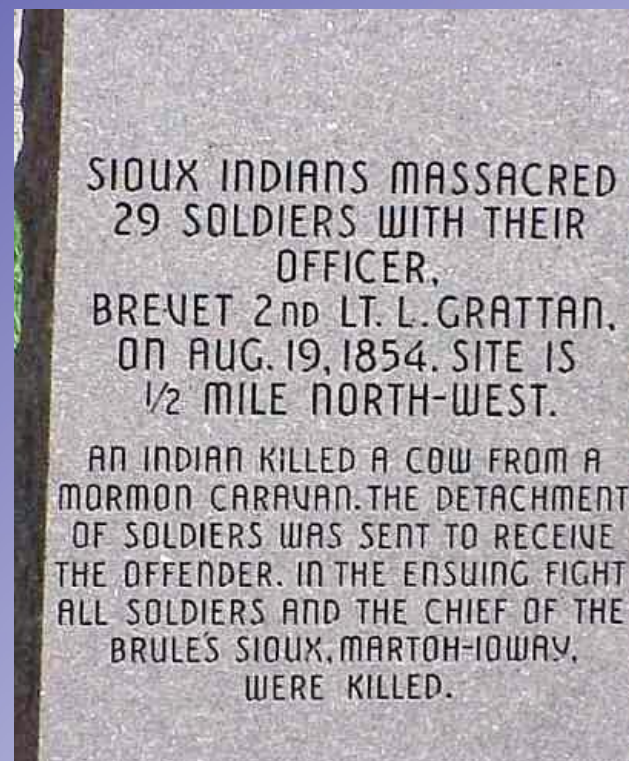
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- By 1889, the situation had deteriorated even worse, and both white settlers and the U.S. Army were regularly ignoring treaty boundaries... which led the Sioux to ignore treaty boundaries...
  - And that's when Wovoka had a vision...





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  - Wovoka called all of the tribes to follow the Ghost Dance after he received a vision that every Indian would be taken up into the sky, the Earth would crack open and swallow the whites, and then the Indians would be returned to live in peace alongside the ghosts of their ancestors
  - As he explained, “When you get home you must begin a dance and continue for five days. Dance for four successive nights, and on the last night continue dancing until the morning of the fifth day, when all must bathe in the river and then return to their homes... I want you to dance every six weeks. Make a feast at the dance and have food that everybody may eat...”





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  - Much like the Sun Dance, the ritual was designed to cause ecstatic visions brought on by exhaustion
  - Oglala Lakota chief Kicking Bear added something that he'd heard from the Mormons about magic shirts that would protect you from harm
    - So he told the Sioux that if they wore special ghost shirts, then bullets would pass straight through them
    - Protected by these shirts, the Sioux rose up in force against the U.S. Army...  
...and were soundly beaten



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  - The 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry was assigned with disarming the scattering tribes
    - They caught up with Spotted Elk's tribe at Wounded Knee Creek, forcing them to surrender their arms
    - The shaman, Yellow Bird, began to dance the Ghost Dance and to assure the young braves that their shirts would protect them... and everything got really, really tense
    - Then the soldiers attempted to take the rifle away from Black Coyote—who didn't understand what was going on, since he was deaf and couldn't understand the soldiers



He struggled with them, and the rifle went off Suddenly, Yellow Bird gave a signal, and five braves whipped out their hidden rifles and began shooting at the soldiers But the 500 soldiers easily out-gunned the braves, and fired indiscriminately into the crowd

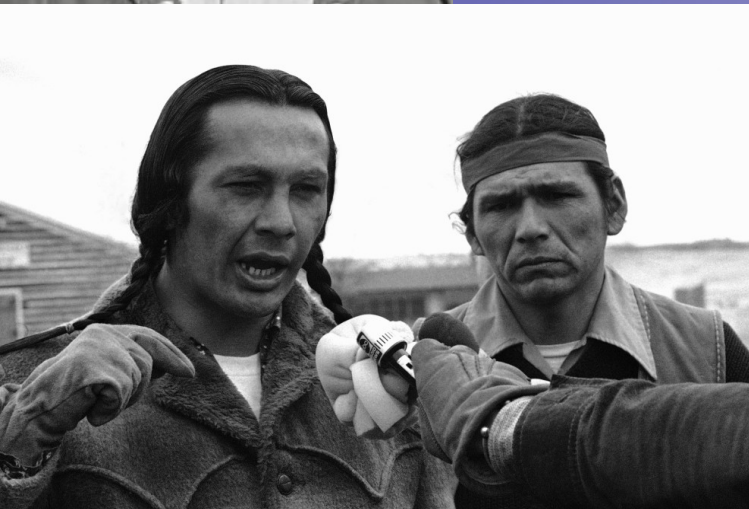
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- And the Great Sioux Wars were over...





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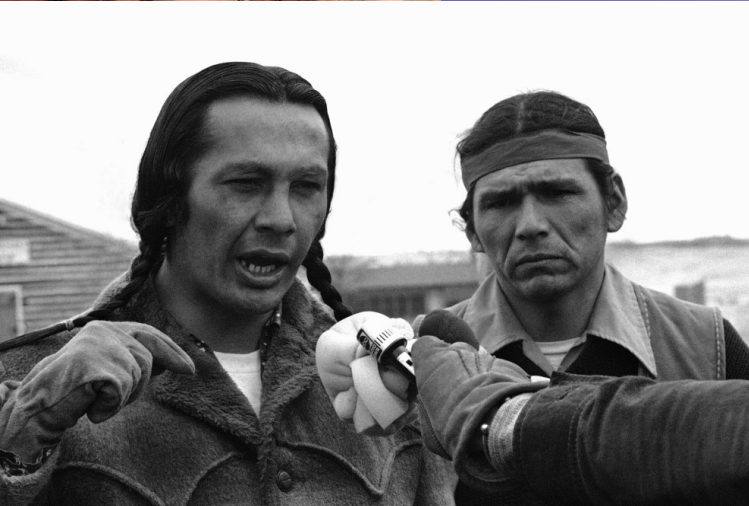
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      - They demanded that the State Department declare the city of Wounded Knee the territory of an independent Oglala Nation, and U.S. marshals laid siege to the town
      - After three months, two AIM members were dead and 13 were wounded and two marshals were wounded and the town was abandoned for the next 20 years...



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      - Due to the federal court's mishandling of the trial itself, charges against both Carter Camp and Russell Means were dropped as the judge declared a mistrial
      - Means was even able to spin his public notoriety into an acting career in movies and television—including roles in *The Last of the Mohicans*, *Pocahontas*, and *Walker, Texas Ranger*...





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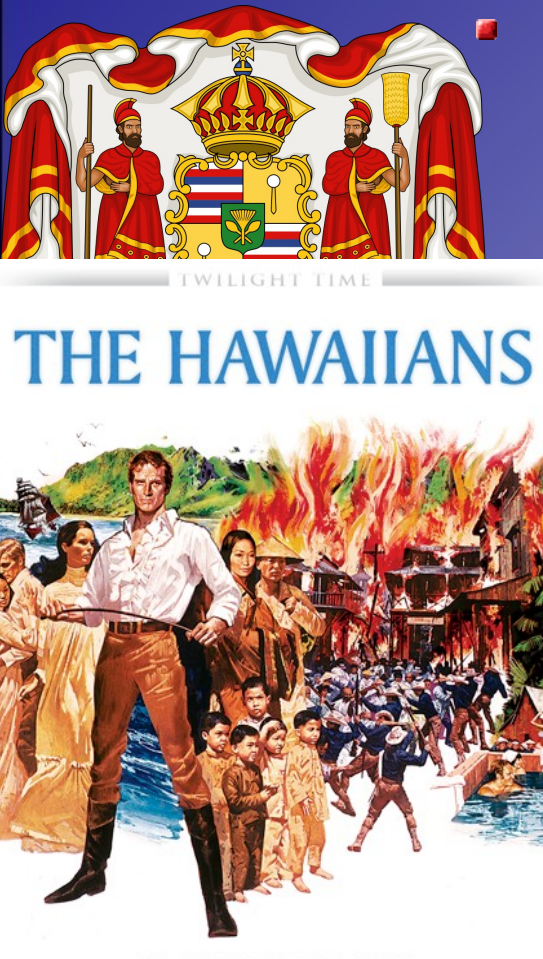
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    - The monarchy had been strong for nearly a century, under the line of King Kamehameha I
    - They'd even allowed missionaries to come to the islands and thrive
    - In fact, the missionaries thrived so well that they stayed in Hawaii and built lives and profitable businesses for themselves
      - For instance, Castle & Cooke—founded by former missionaries Samuel Castle and Amos Cooke—bought sugar cane plantations and became one of the largest companies in Hawaii
- (a period depicted in the 1966 Hollywood film, *Hawaii*, starring Julie Andrews—based on the James A. Michener bestseller)



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  - The white settlers formed their own Missionary Party (later called the Reform Party) to involve themselves in local politics
  - In 1887, the Missionary Party forced King Kalākaua to sign a new Constitution into law, reducing his powers and requiring that both lawmakers and voters had to be landowners of large properties (thus disenfranchising two-thirds of the Hawaiian populace—the *poorest* and least *white* Hawaiians) (a period depicted in another 1970 Hollywood film, *The Hawaiians*, starring Charlton Heston—also based on the same James A. Michener bestseller)





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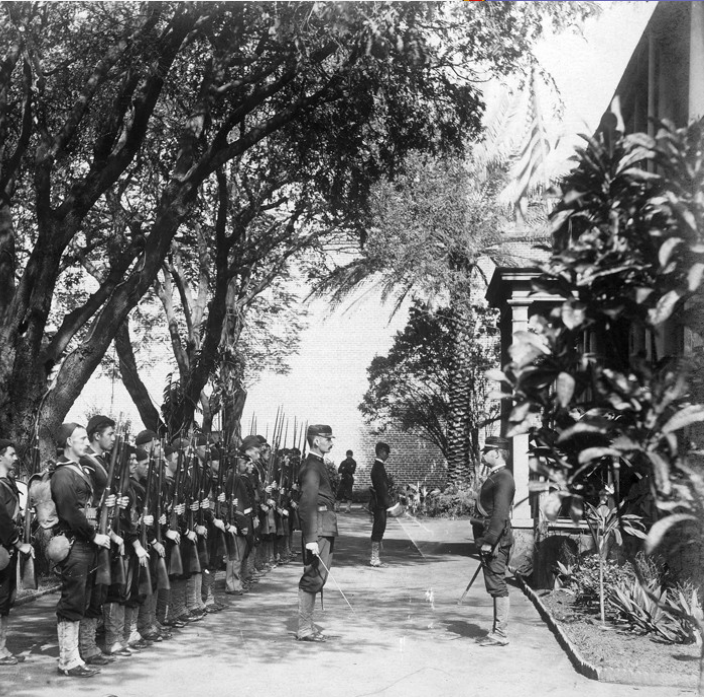
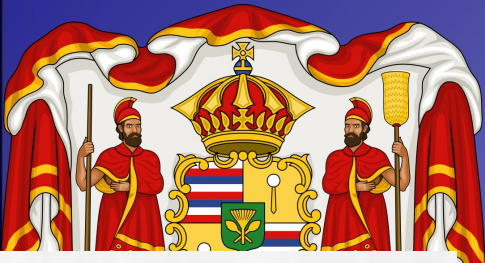
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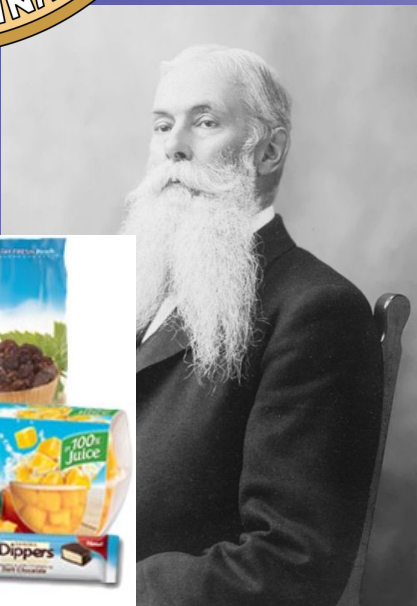
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(NOTE: Dole's young cousin was James Dole, whose pineapple business grew phenomenally as a result, becoming what is today the Dole Fruit Company)



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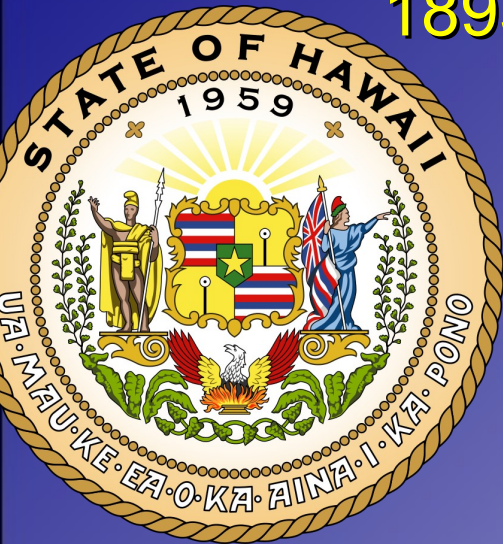
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- **President Grover Cleveland immediately and repeatedly decried the action, calling for the return of the Hawaiian government to its rightful monarchy... which totally didn't happen**
  - Instead, in 1898 (after Cleveland was out), the Republic of Hawaii became the *Territory* of Hawaii and in 1959, it finally became the *State* of Hawaii
  - In 1993, President Bill Clinton formally apologized to the indigenous people of Hawaii for the United States' part in the overthrow of Lili'uokalani and their sovereign government ...but we, y'know, kept the islands...





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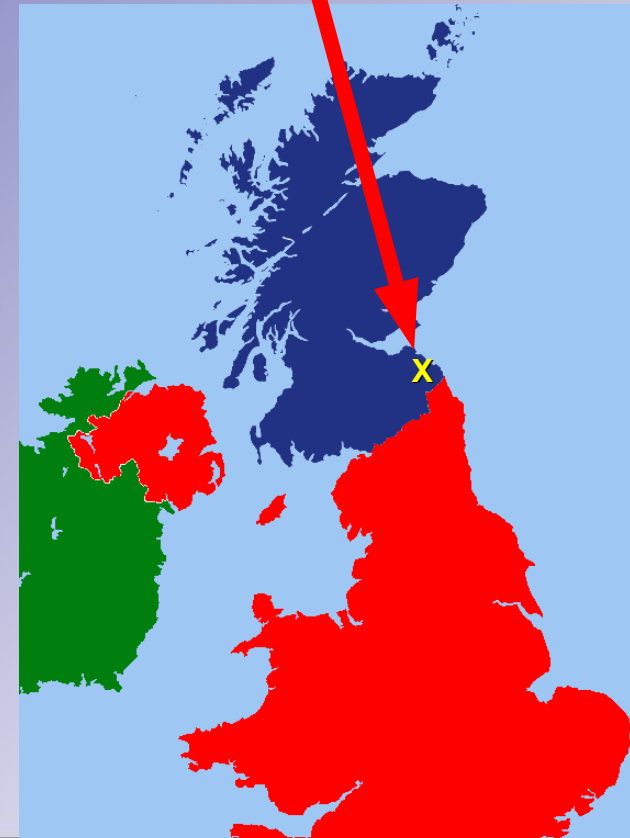
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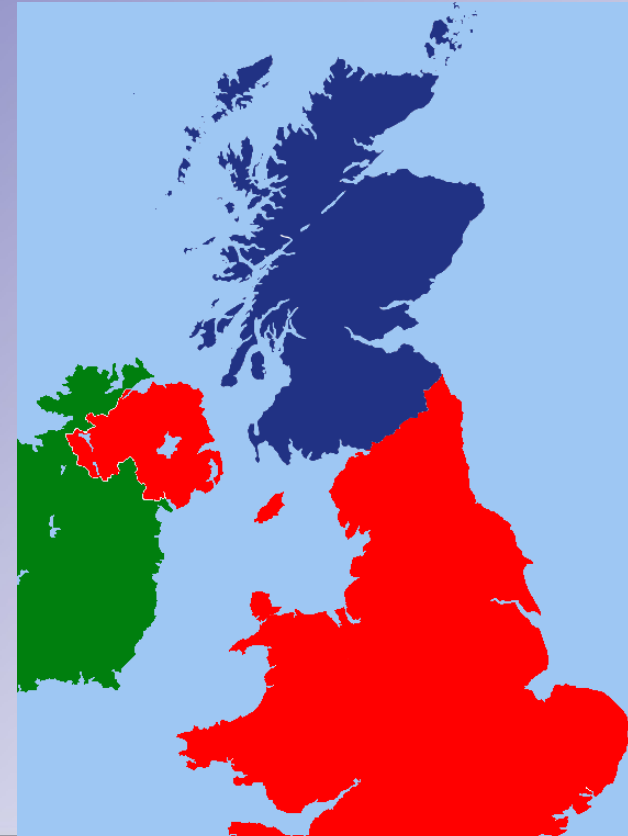
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  - But then, thanks to the Council of Whitby that met in 664, the Celtic church was suppressed and the Catholic Church was in control for nearly 1000 years





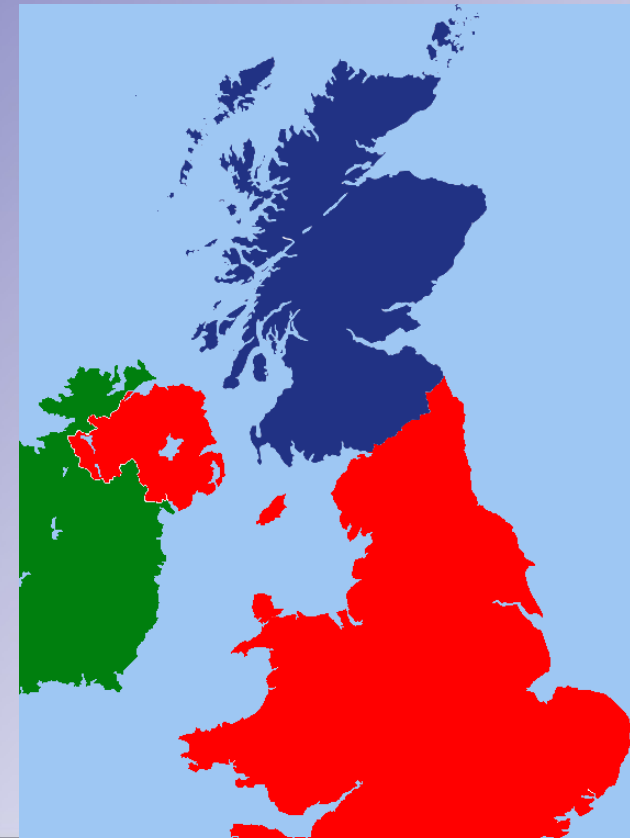
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(Founded in part by the rather intense, Claymore-wielding Calvinist, John Knox...)  
(If you'll remember, they were called “Presbyterians” because of their emphasis on governance by Elders [“πρεσβύτεροι” or “presbuteroi” in Greek])



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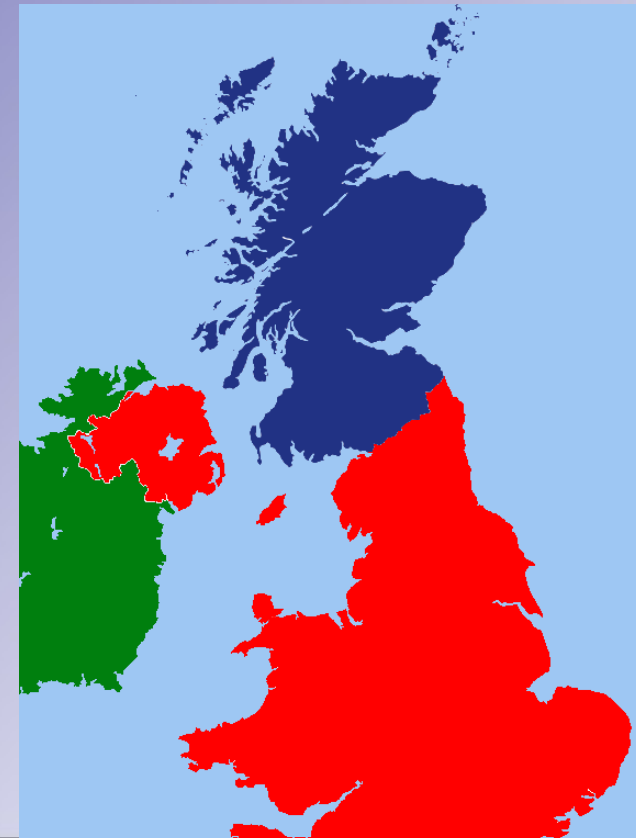
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(when—in 1843—a group of evangelicals broke away from the state church to start their own, independent group, emphasizing individual conversion and removing itself from the control of the state)





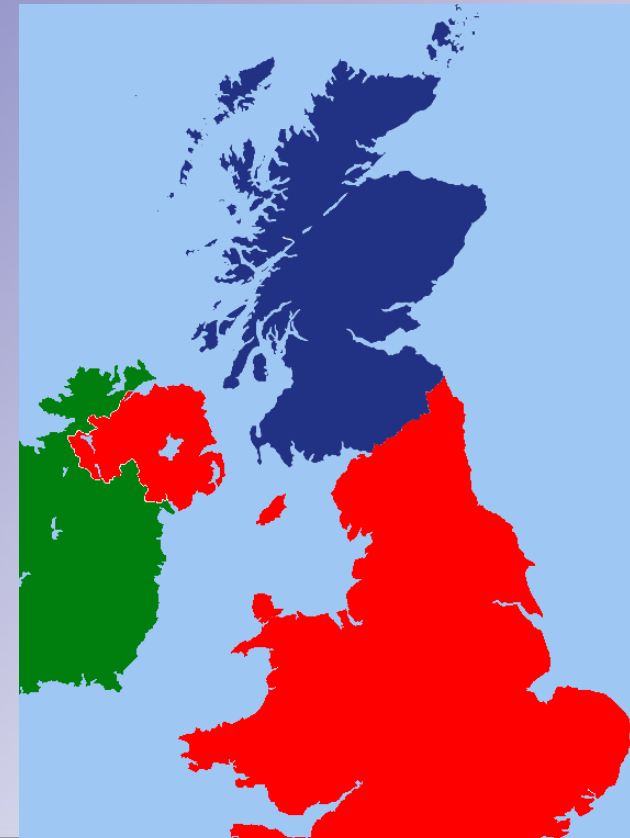
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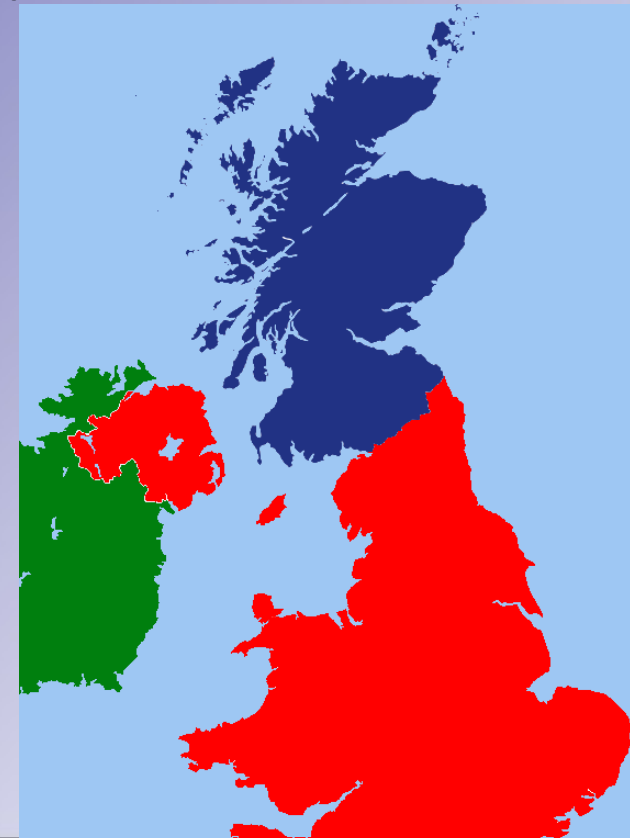
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  - Concerned with an increasing liberality in the theology of Scottish Presbyterian ministers (such as famed scholar and pastor, William Robertson Smith, who was an editor of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*... but who was also a strong supporter of higher criticism and the new JEDP “documentary hypothesis”)





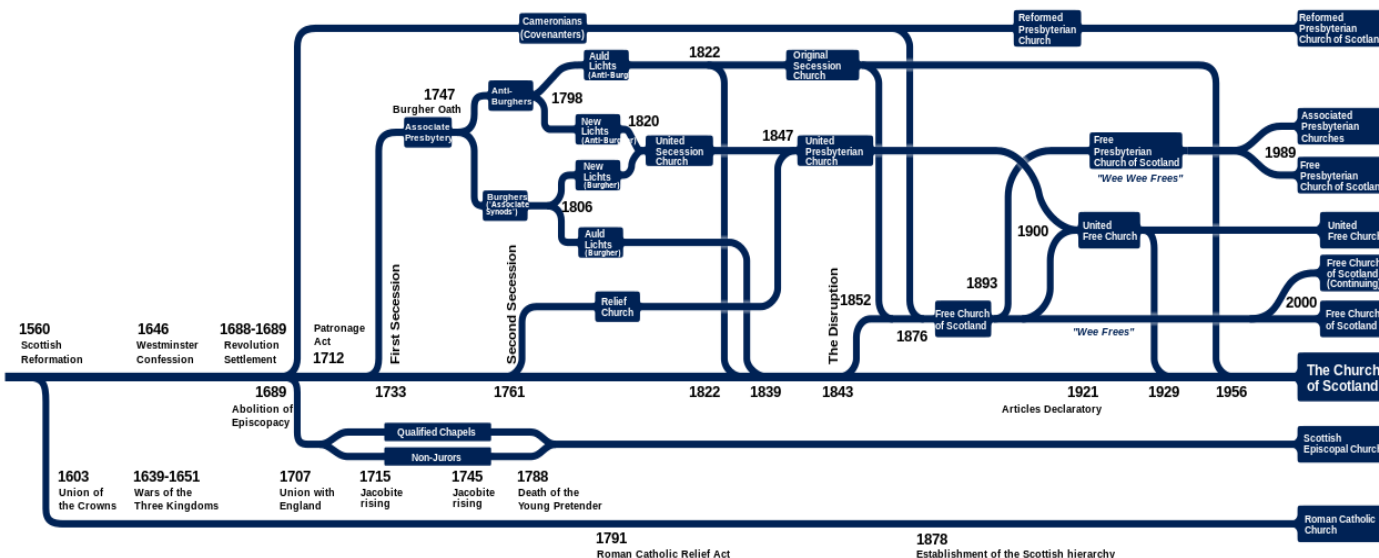
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- The family tree of Scottish Presbyterian churches is really kinda complicated... proving that, even *within* Protestantism, there's always more to protest...



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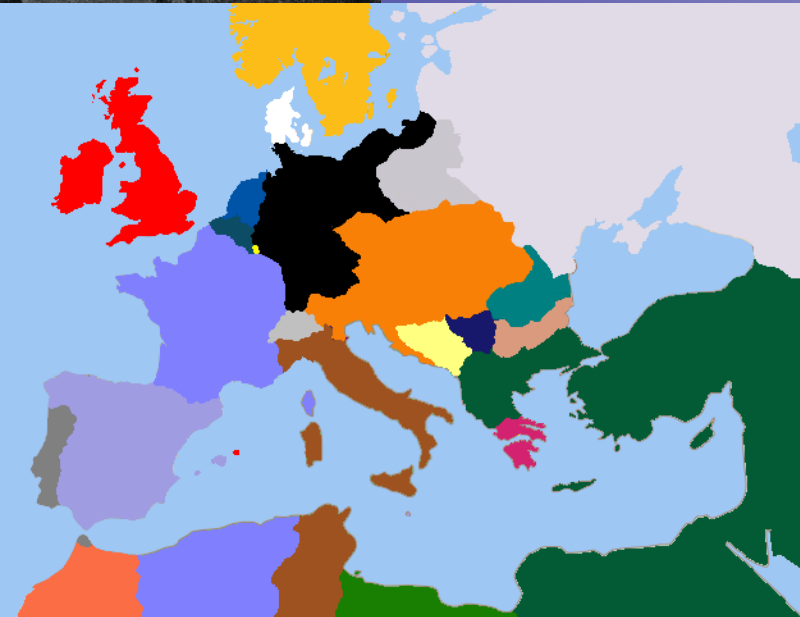
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(okay, so the “Great Powers” in Europe rattled sabres and swore that they’d do... *something*... if Hamid continued to kill everyone, but nothing ever really happened—largely because Europe was gearing up for their own bloodshedding)

(hypothetically, what would we do *today*, if radical Muslims were murdering thousands?)





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- By the time it all finally ended in the early 1920s, 1.5 million of Turkey’s Armenians had been killed, and the remaining 500,000 had been forcibly deported

- It is *still—to this day—illegal* in Turkey to even talk about what happened to the Armenians during the Genocide...

- But others around the world began re-thinking this whole war business...



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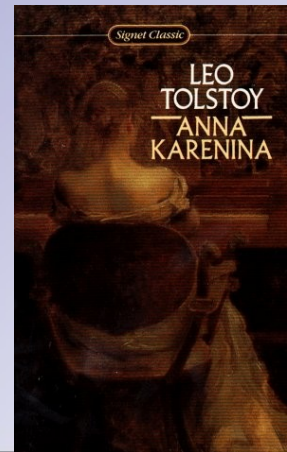
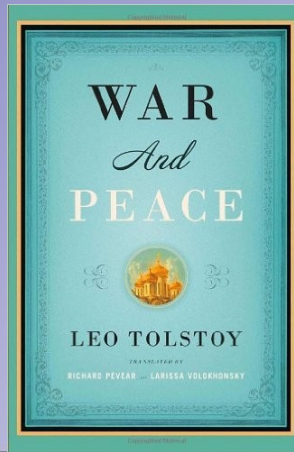
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*The Kingdom of God is Within You* published

- The book is something of a litmus test for people and their faith—they tend to either read it and become Tolstoy disciples, or to throw it down in complete disagreement

- In fact, it was originally *banned* by the Russian government as being far too revolutionary...  
(this coming from the guy who'd written popular novels like *War and Peace* and *Anna Karenina*...)

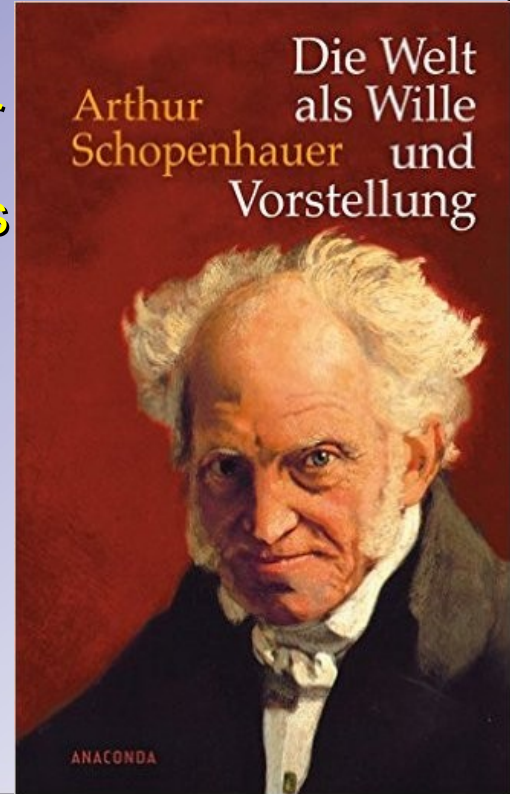
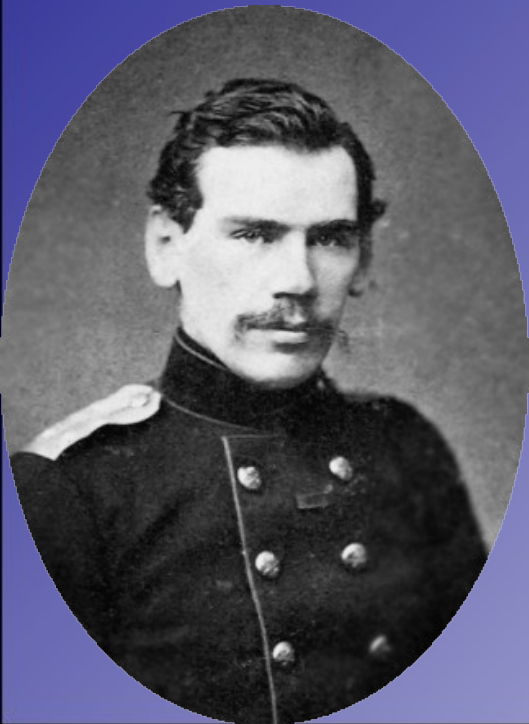
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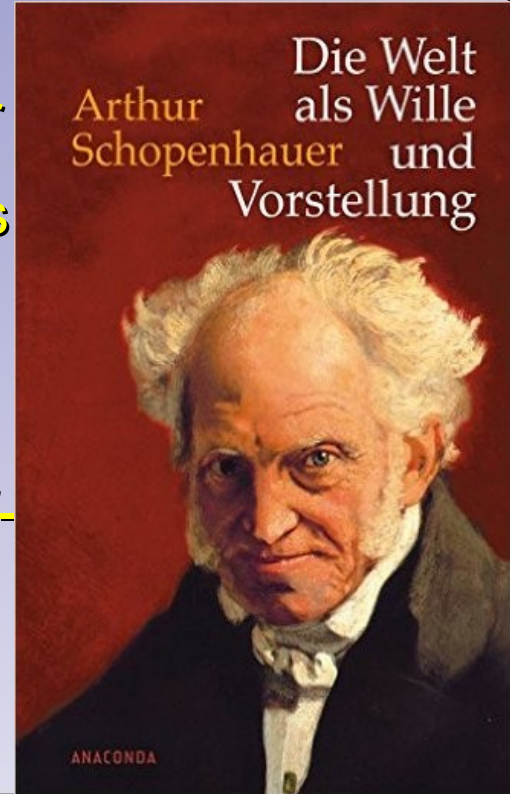
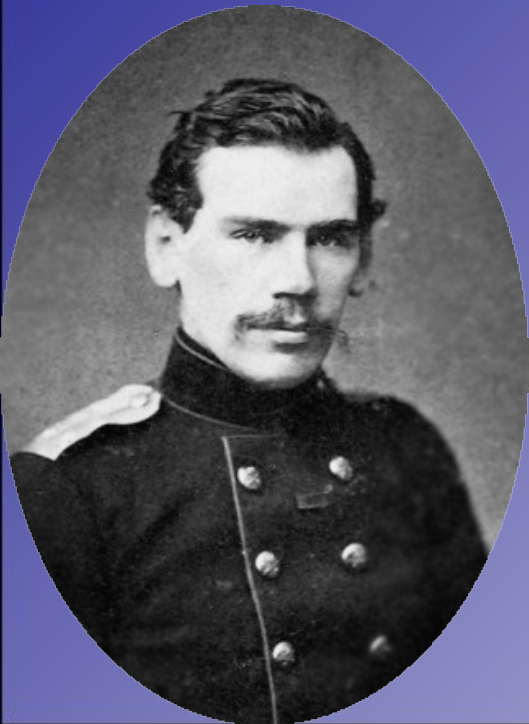
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    - In the book, Schopenhauer argued that the human will was the basis for all that there is in the material world and that has some huge implications for how the cosmos works—
      - 1) There is no God (and even if there were, he'd be kind of a self-absorbed jerk who only created Creation for his own amusement)



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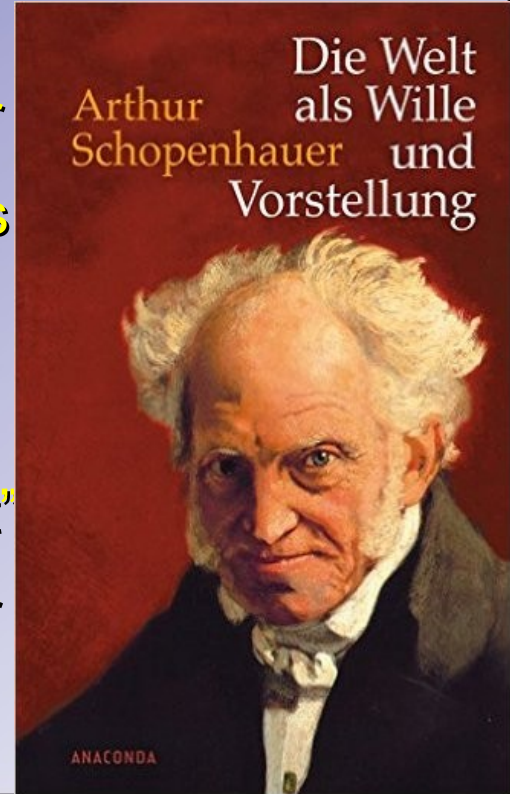
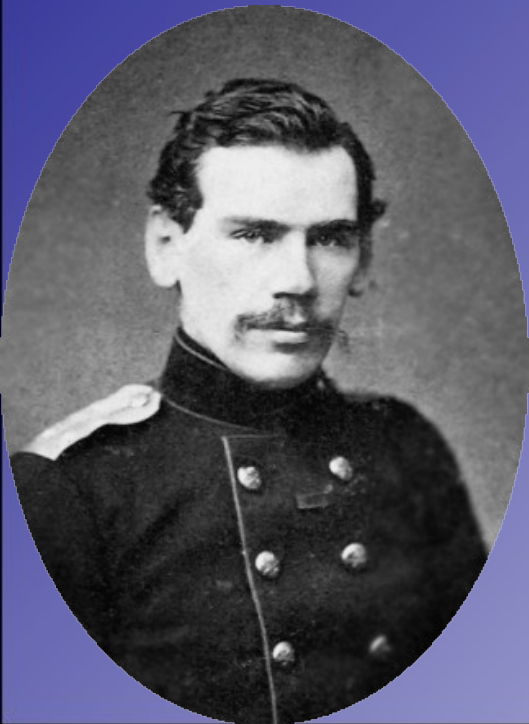
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(In fact, his disciples convinced him to make all of his books public domain, and to retroactively give all of his royalties to the poor... which left his own family in dire financial straits...)

(and his aristocratic wife, Sophia, wasn't a huge fan of his conclusions that all good food, wine, comfort, sex, financial stability, etc., are all inherently sinful)





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  - Thus, he found all churches to be at best “delusions” and at worst “deceptions” in that they leaned on human structures, and had lost the core, Christ-taught point of total non-resistance to evil
  - Tolstoy thus created a movement known as Christian Anarchism—the idea that one is only responsible for one's own life, and that no one and no external structure has the right to oversee that (which, like *any* version of anarchy, only works if everyone is already perfect, healthy, conscientious, and a committed anarchist)



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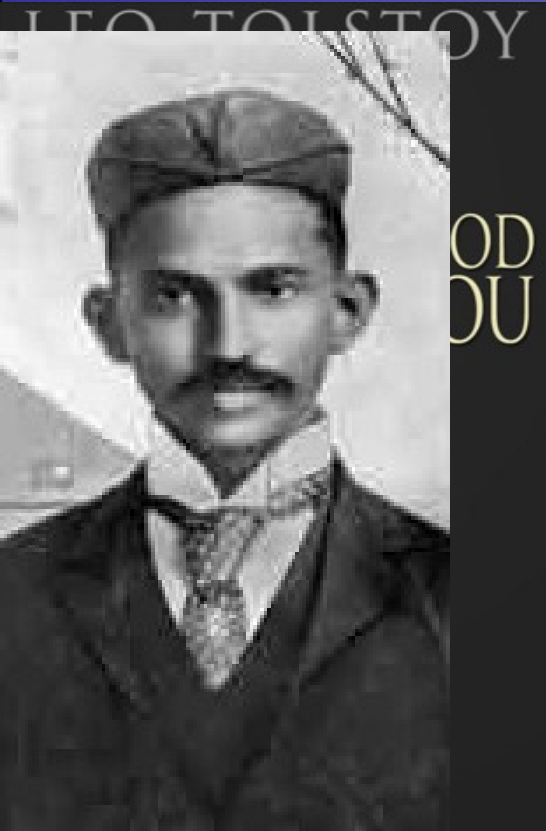
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- The book is something of a litmus test for people and their faith—they tend to either read it and become Tolstoy disciples, or to throw it down in complete disagreement

- So a huge cult of Tolstoy erupted, much to the frustration of the Church and the government—neither of whom liked his “ignore all power structures and just... y’know... be...” teachings (so yes, Tolstoy invented hippies) (but he also inspired other writers and thinkers around the world, such as a young lawyer named Mohandas Gandhi, who read the book and was profoundly drawn toward Tolstoy’s understanding of Christianity)



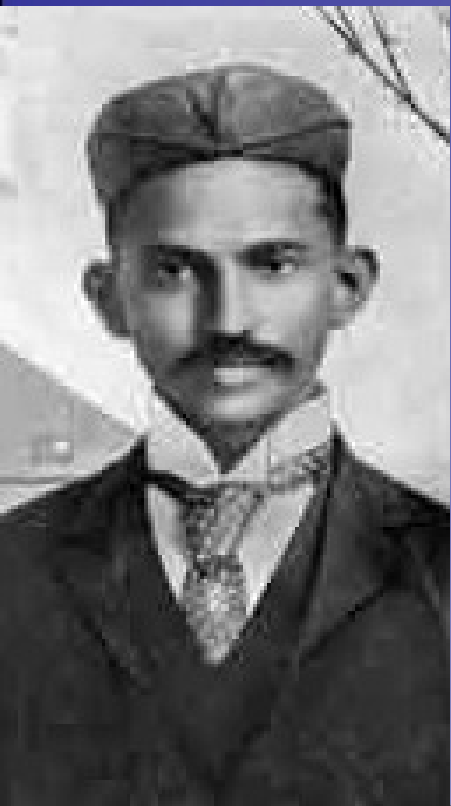


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  - He was even kicked into the street by a cop for walking on a public footpath—which an 1888 law had made illegal for people of color (it also prohibited them from being outside after 9:00 pm)



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(the mother said that his expressions of his Hindu beliefs were influencing their young son, and she requested that he not taint their Christianity with Hindu thoughts for which they had no refutation)



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  - How might history have been different if Gandhi had found a meaningful, *vibrant* Christian church?
  - How do some American churches—and Christians—reflect this sort of blithe nominalism today?
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“What is good? All that heightens the feeling of power, the will to power, power itself in man.  
What is bad? All that proceeds from weakness.  
What is happiness? The feeling that power increases, that a resistance is overcome.”  
(i.e.; the *opposite* of Tolstoy)



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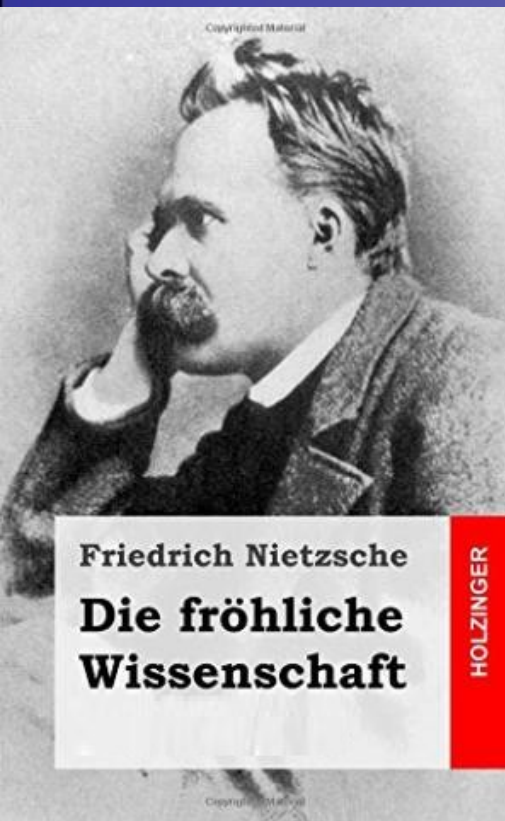
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    - “God is dead. God remains dead. And we have killed him. How shall we comfort ourselves, the murderers of all murderers? What was holiest and mightiest of all that the world has yet owned has bled to death under our knives: who will wipe this blood off us? What water is there for us to clean ourselves? What festivals of atonement, what sacred games shall we have to invent? Is not the greatness of this deed too great for us? Must we ourselves not become gods simply to appear worthy of it?”  
(no, he didn't mean that we literally killed God, but rather that we realized that we didn't believe in God because He isn't actually a real person—and that in thus “killing” God, we must realize that we need to “kill” *all* of our former religion based on our false belief in a false god and develop a new, human-based system of ethics and behavior—which makes sense)



Friedrich Nietzsche  
**Die fröhliche  
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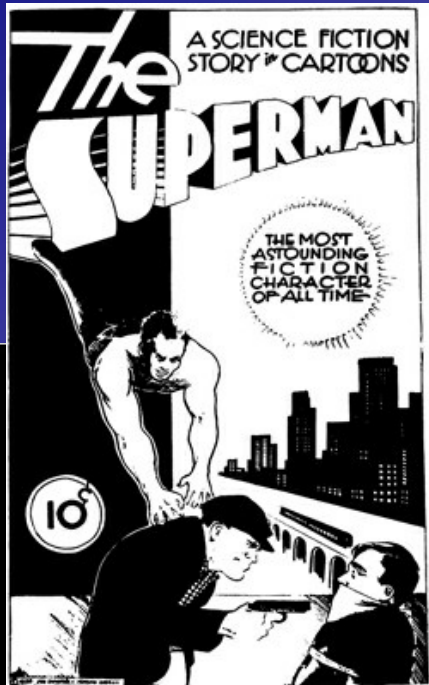
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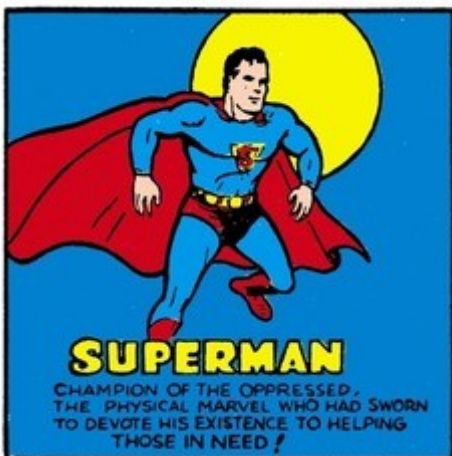
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- (NOTE: In a later book, he argued that logically, the ultimate example of this focus on improving man instead of just placating a god by being resigned to our lots in life would be the rise of the *Übermensch*—the “super-man”—the ultimate example of a guy dedicated to changing the world for the better and who's physically and intellectually capable of actually being able to *make* those changes, instead of being some weak Christian who simply pines away, waiting for a new and better world to just... come...)

- (NOTE: Jewish comic creators used this concept in creating the world's first super-hero... who was clearly cast in a Christian Messianic mold—which just goes to show how people tend to mix-and-match philosophies to suit their preferences and needs)



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  - **So if you've ever wondered how the same world could bring about both a Gandhi and a Hitler at the same time, blame Schopenhauer**  
(a young Gandhi drawn to Tolstoy's embracing of Schopenhauer's teachings and a young Hitler drawn to Nietzsche's discarding of Schopenhauer's teachings)





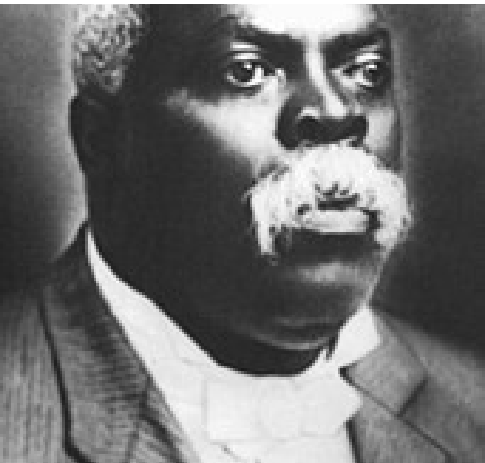
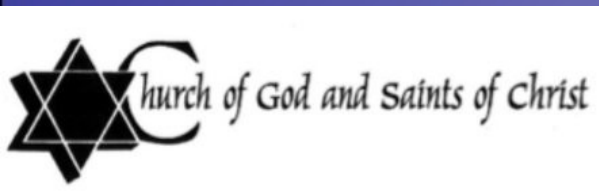
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- Crowdy was told that all black Africans are ethnic Israelites, just as Jewish and just as beloved by God as the modern Jews
- He began the Church of God and Saints of Christ, celebrating the Jewishness of Jesus and preaching the equality of all races, genders, etc., arguing that "Judaism should and does provide a complete guide to all phases of human life—moral, social, economic, and political"



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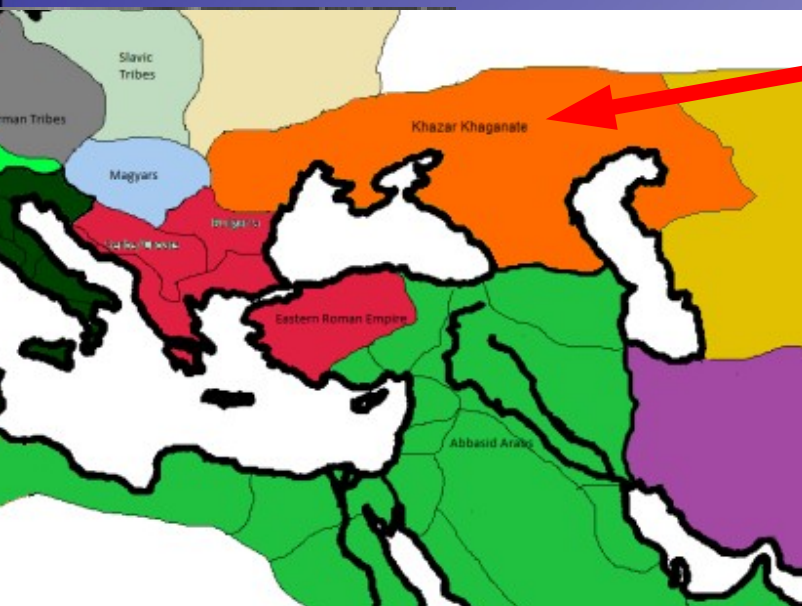
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(remember that huge, powerful, Jewish Khazar Khaganate that ruled north of the Black Sea for about 400 years?)



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        - Therefore, it is incumbent on all black people to stand against white people in all of their forms—European, Latino, Middle-Eastern, etc.
        - ben Yahweh also taught the importance of chastity... for *other* members of his church, since the Prophet of God has needs that can only be met through having a lot of sex with a lot of young women...





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        - *ben Yahweh* was the “Prince of Peace”
        - On their website, clicking the tab, “The Crucifixion,” will let you read about the Justice Department's unfair smear campaign against ben Yahweh
        - And under the tab, “The Ascension,” you'll read about how “On Monday, May 7, 2007... our Founder and Savior, Yahweh ben Yahweh, completed His first journey on earth and ascended to stand with His Father in the Heavens...”



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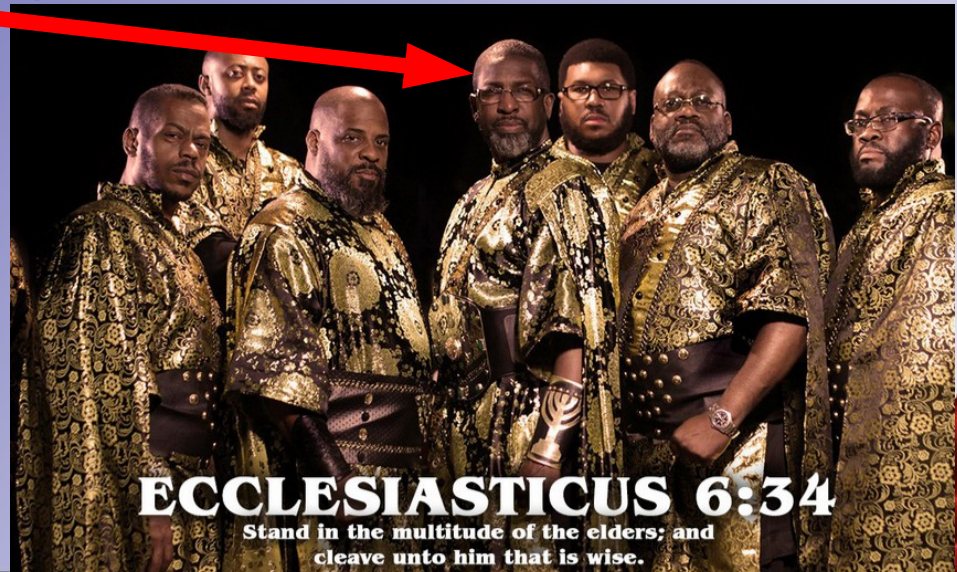
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**Joshua 23:12-13**  
But they shall be  
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**DEUT 7:3** [WWW.ISRAELUNITE.ORG](http://WWW.ISRAELUNITE.ORG)

- Help me out here—how much change does it take to make this kind of poster perfectly usable for, say, the *white* supremacist, neo-Nazi movement?



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    - **Thus, salvation will only come to this world when the true, black Jesus returns and all whites are rightly enslaved by blacks**
    - When called a racist, ben Israel maintains, **"Black racism in America is largely, if not entirely, a response to white racism..."**





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- **In 1890, Louisiana had passed a law that forced blacks and whites to make use of separate accommodations in railway cars**
  - In 1892, Homer Plessy bought a first-class railway ticket and refused to move for a white man—for which he was promptly arrested  
(Basically, Plessy was Rosa Parks before Rosa Parks)



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    - The black Comité des Citoyens (Committee of Citizens) in New Orleans specifically asked Homer Plessy to break that law in order to create a test case to force the courts to declare the law unconstitutional
      - They even hired a detective to be the one to arrest him, just to make *sure* that he got arrested for it
    - And the railway company was in on it, too, since they hated the new law—it forced them to build new cars, though they wouldn't sell any increase in tickets
      - So the railway company sold Plessy the first-class ticket, knowing full well that he'd be breaking the law if he actually *used* it

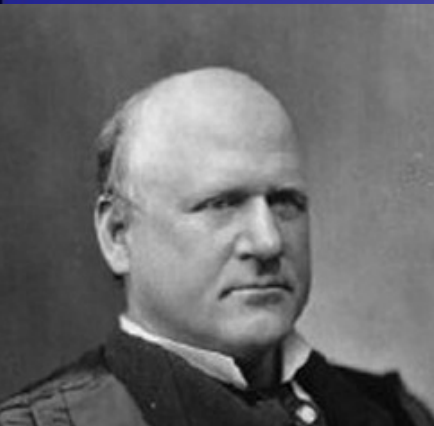




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- So the case was taken to court, where Judge John Howard Ferguson decided that the state of Louisiana wasn't breaking the Constitution by operating railways however they felt within their own borders
- So Plessy and the Comité appealed to the Louisiana State Supreme Court against Ferguson's ruling... and were told the same thing
- So they appealed to the United States Supreme Court, arguing that the law denied Plessy his rights under the Thirteenth and Fourteenth amendments of the United States Constitution, but the Supreme Court said that requiring different races to have different railway cars wasn't slavery, and didn't—by definition—provide un-equal protection for people of different races
- The official decision upheld the idea that races could be both “separate but equal” under the law—and thus that segregation was essentially still Constitutional





- The caveat was that “separate” didn’t mean that non-whites were given substandard or unequal alternatives—not *by definition*
  - Of course, in point of *practice*, things tended to be very different...

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  - **“Separate but equal” was the law of the land until Brown v. Board of Education was decided in 1954, overturning Plessy v. Ferguson**
    - Though even then, the decision was complicated—
      - Technically, the Plessy v. Ferguson decision *wasn't* unconstitutional, by the *letter* of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment but in point of *practice*, the resultant “separate but equal” inequality was clearly undermining the whole *point* of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment
      - So the Supreme Court (rightly) chose to uphold the intended *heart* of the Constitution, rather than its *words*—which itself set a rather important precedent in the setting of legal precedents in America...



# ***The Age of Revolution***

- **The world was aflame with change**

- 1886 Billy Sunday accepted Christ
- 1890 The Ghost Dance War led to a massacre
- 1893 Kingdom of Hawaii was overthrown  
Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland formed
- 1894 The Armenian Genocide began  
*The Kingdom of God is Within You* published  
Gandhi began attending church
- 1895 *The Anti-Christ* published  
William Saunders Crowdy received a vision
- 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson was decided
- 1898 The Spanish-American War began**

